REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of October 31, 2003, has been carefully reviewed.

In response to the rejections of Claims 7 and 8, those claims are herein canceled.

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 "under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over any of Stellin, Parsons or Rocca." This rejection is traversed. While the various pieces of prior art disclose various features similar to that of the present invention, no reference disclosed or suggests the interior face of the fastener and the exterior face of the shaft as square flat cut, in contact with and perpendicular to adjacent rectangular faces as disclosed and claimed.

Stellin appears to have beveled faces in all of his embodiments. The same is true of Parsons and Rocca which have beveled faces adjacent to the exterior portion of the shaft and the interior portion of the fastener.

Applicant's disclosed and claimed combination of components is neither shown nor suggested by the prior art whether taken alone or in combination. Further, applicant's combination of parts allows for a smoother application of forces since there is no beveled face transmitting varying forces from the shaft to the fastener as is true of all the prior art teachings. Such

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variation of force along the axial length, as caused by a beveled surfaces, would tend to impart a binding like force between the fastener and the shaft. Such binding force is not found in applicant's invention. Applicant's non-binding force allows a smoother application of force in the present invention without any complications of binding as occurs in the prior art devices.

It would appear that the Examiner has merely gleaned miscellaneous features from the prior art without a teaching for their combination. But even if there were a teaching for the combination, the resulting structure would still fail to meet the terms of the claims.

It is deemed that all grounds of objection and rejection are overcome by the amendments herein.

Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.